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TO: Minerals File

FROM: Paul Baker, Senior Reclamation Biologist 

RE: Site Inspection, Georgia-Pacific Corporation, Hebe Mine, M/015/072, Emery County, Utah

Date of Inspection: May 30, 2003
Time of Inspection: 11:15-11:30 a.m.
Conditions: Mostly clear, 80's
Participants: Paul Baker (DOGM)

Purpose of Inspection:

During an inspection last February, the Division noted that a drainage had been blocked in two locations. The operator was asked to remove the material blocking the drainage, and the purpose of the inspection was to confirm that this had been done.

Observations:

There were two locations where fill had been placed so that it blocked the drainage. Some of the material that was in the drainage has been removed so that water will not be impounded. In the uppermost of these two areas, fill was removed in such a way that there is something of a gooseneck in the drainage (Photo 1). I don't believe this will cause problems, but in a very intense storm, some of the fill could end up going down the drainage.

Conclusions and Recommendations:

While I do not think the fill left in the drainage will cause problems, the Division and operator should monitor the drainage to see if there are signs of instability.

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cc: Russ Harms, Georgia-Pacific
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Photographs

M/015/072, Hebe Mine, Georgia-Pacific Corporation



Photo 1. The upper area where fill was removed to create a sort of "gooseneck."



Photo 2. The lower area where fill was removed looking toward the upper area. At this angle, it is impossible to see that fill was taken from the upper area.